

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 26 are currently pending in the application.

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of April 29, 2005.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1 through 26 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 through 33 of U.S. Patents 6,588,854, 6,400,840, 6,226,394 and 6,049,624.

In order to avoid further expenses and time delay, Applicants elect to expedite the prosecution of the present application by filing terminal disclaimers to obviate the double patenting rejections in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321 (b) and (c). Applicants' filing of the terminal disclaimers should not be construed as acquiescence of the Examiner's double patenting or obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Attached are the terminal disclaimers and accompanying fee.

Applicants submit that claims 1 through 26 are clearly allowable.

Applicants request the allowance of claims 1 through 26 and the case passed for issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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